

# 2022 North of Falcon Joint Willapa Bay & Grays Harbor Forecast Meeting

Link to join meeting via Zoom: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/north-falcon/public-meetings>

March 3, 2022 - 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.



Washington  
Department of  
**FISH and  
WILDLIFE**

# Presentation Overview

- Staff Introductions & Meeting Purpose
- North of Falcon Process
- Administrative Procedure Act (APA) Process
- 2022 Forecasts and Management Objectives
  - Willapa Bay
  - Grays Harbor
  - Queets & Quinault



# Staff Introductions

## Statewide Salmon Management

### Kyle Adicks

Intergovernmental  
Salmon Manager



### Mark Baltzell

State Salmon and  
Steelhead Manager

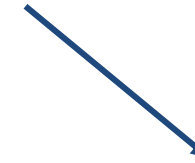
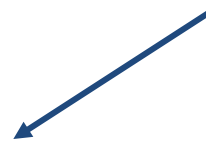


### Marlene Wagner

South Coast Fishery  
Policy Lead

### James Losee

Region 6 Fish Program  
Manager



### Mike Scharpf

Grays Harbor District  
Biologist



### Robert Allan

Region 6 Hatchery  
Reform/Operations  
Manager

### Jody Pope

Willapa Bay District  
Biologist



### Curt Holt

Grays Harbor Area  
Biologist

### Kim Figlar-Barnes

Grays Harbor Area  
Biologist

### Barbara McClellan

Willapa Bay Area  
Biologist

### Lyle Jennings

Willapa Bay Area  
Biologist



# Meeting Purpose

- Introduce the 2022 North of Falcon process
- Provide information for public input
- Answer questions about the information and data
- Receive initial public suggestions for 2022 fisheries





# **North of Falcon Process**

# What is North of Falcon?

- North of Falcon is the annual, cooperative process to set salmon seasons in Washington waters.
- The name refers to waters north of Oregon's Cape Falcon, which marks the southern border of Washington's management of salmon stocks.
- One component of a larger salmon-setting process that also involves the state, tribal governments, federal regulators, other U.S. states, and Canada.



# North of Falcon Process

- Forecast the abundance of each stock
- Determine if there is harvestable opportunity
- Model fisheries to determine which stocks are the constraints
- Predict what we will catch
- Negotiate the sharing of catch with co-managers and other states

Ongoing  
process



# 2022 Regional NOF Public Meeting Schedule

## All 2022 meetings will be virtual or hybrid

We  
are  
here



DATE	EVENT
March 3	<b>Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor Forecast Meeting</b>
	6PM to 8PM PST. <a href="#">Join Zoom Web Conference</a>
March 4	<b>2022 Statewide Salmon Forecasts</b>
	9AM to 2PM PST. <a href="#">Join Zoom Web Conference</a>
March 8-14	<b>Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting #1</b>
	<a href="#">View Meeting Agenda</a>
March 16	<b>North of Falcon Meeting #1</b>
	9AM to 3PM PST. <a href="#">Join Zoom Web Conference</a>
March 21	<b>North of Falcon: Grays Harbor Fisheries Discussion</b>
	6PM to 8 PM PST. <a href="#">Join Zoom Web Conference</a>
March 22	<b>PFMC Ocean Management Public Hearing-Westport</b>
	7PM PST. <a href="#">(Link not yet posted)</a>



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DATE	EVENT
March 24	<b>North of Falcon: Willapa Bay Fisheries Discussion</b>
	6PM to 8PM PST. <a href="#">Join Zoom Web Conference</a>
March 30	<b>North of Falcon Meeting #2</b>
	9AM to 3PM PST. <a href="#">Join Zoom Web Conference</a>
April 5	<b>North of Falcon: Willapa Bay Fisheries Discussion</b>
	6PM to 8PM PST. <a href="#">Join Zoom Web Conference</a>
April 6	<b>North of Falcon: Grays Harbor Fisheries Discussion</b>
	6PM to 8PM PST. <a href="#">Join Zoom Web Conference</a>
April 6-13	<b>Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting #2</b>
	<a href="#">View Meeting</a>
April 19	<b>Willapa Bay &amp; Grays Harbor Final NOF Meeting</b>
	6PM to 8PM PST. <a href="#">Join Zoom Web Conference</a>

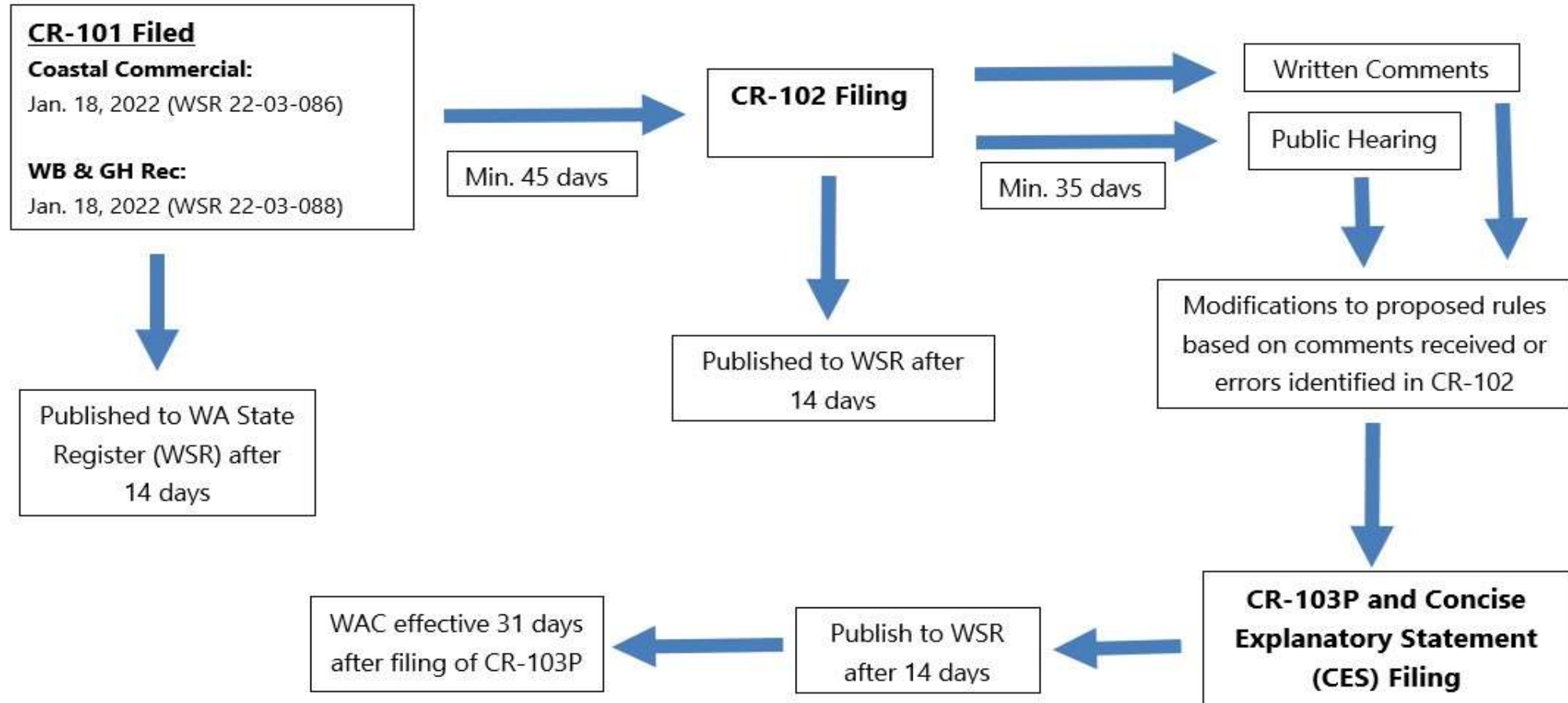
Entire Schedule and links to individual meetings can be found here:

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/north-falcon/public-meetings>



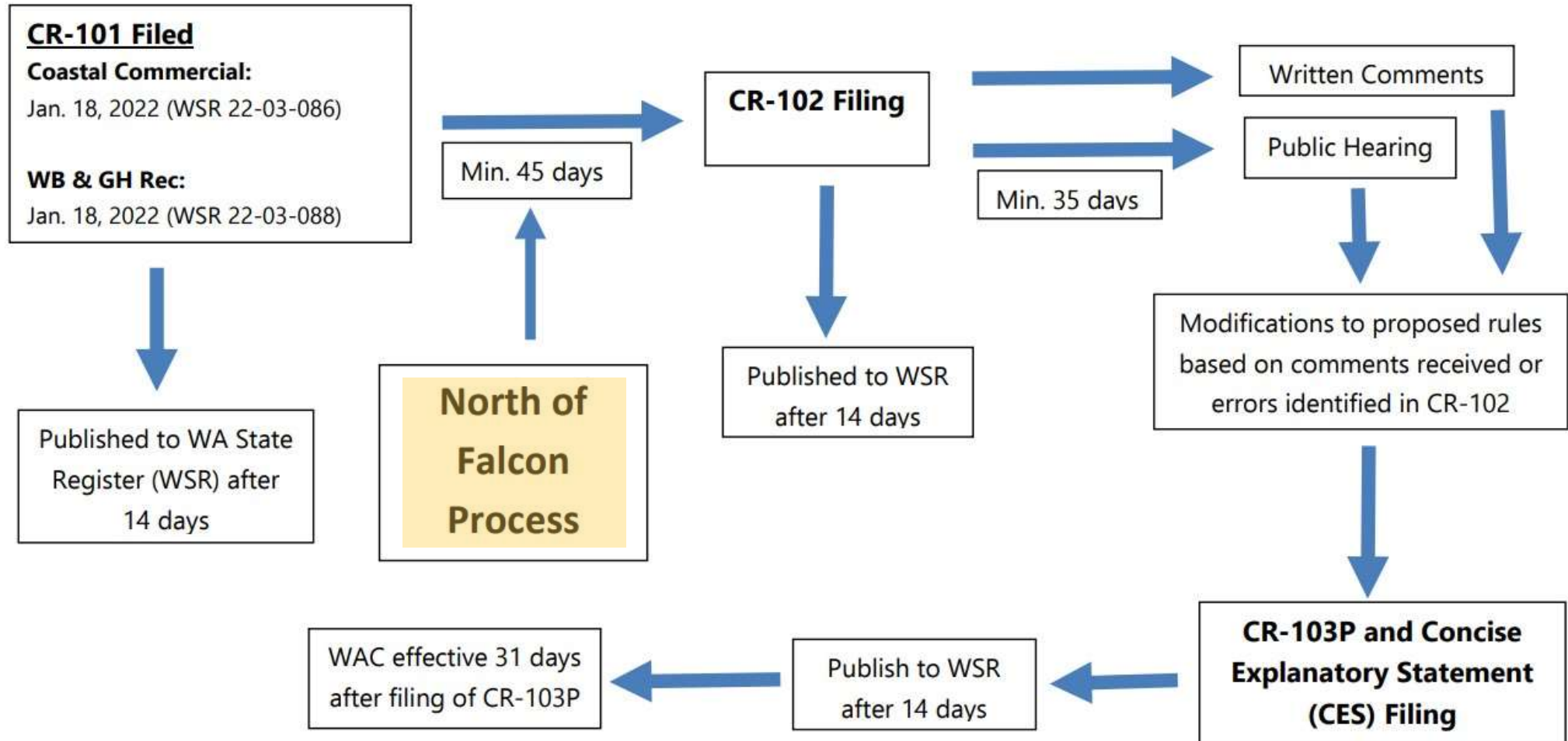
# 2022 Fishery Rule-making

## Administrative Procedure Act Process



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## **2022 Forecasts**

# 2022 Willapa Bay Forecasts

Species	Natural	Hatchery	Total
Chinook	3,071	30,071	33,142
Coho <i>Ocean Age 3 Forecasts</i>	35,776	74,707	110,483
Chum	46,810	996	47,806

**Escapement Goals:** Natural origin Chinook: 4,350,  
Natural origin Coho: 13,600 WDFW, 17,200 PFM; Total Chum: 35,400

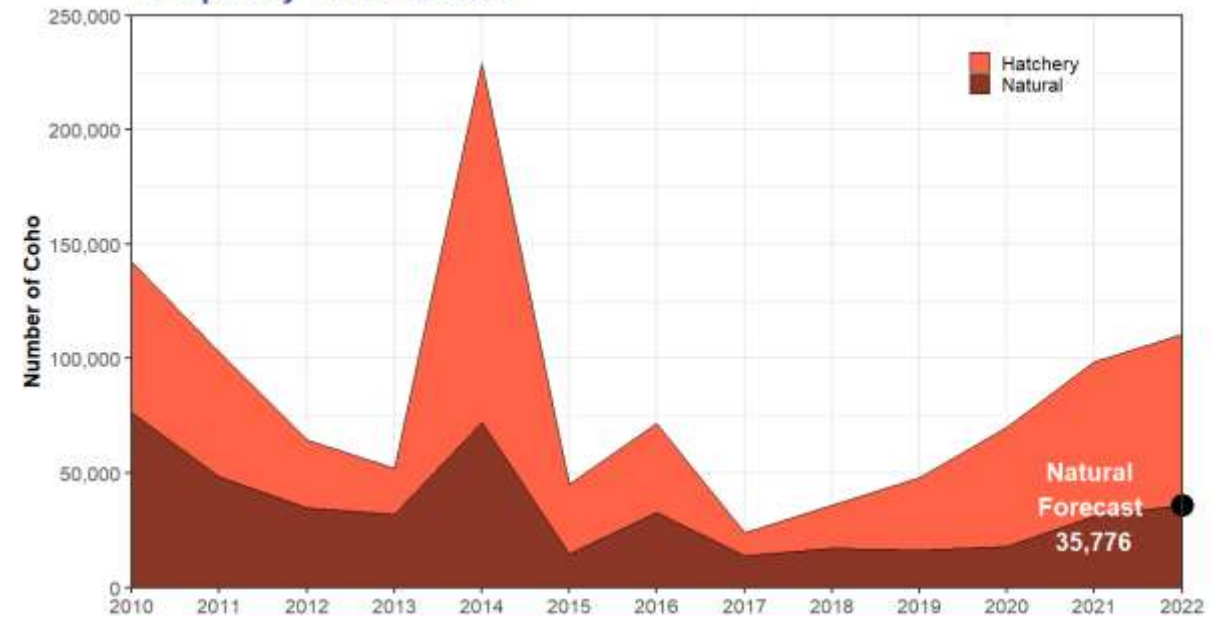


# Recent Willapa Bay Trends

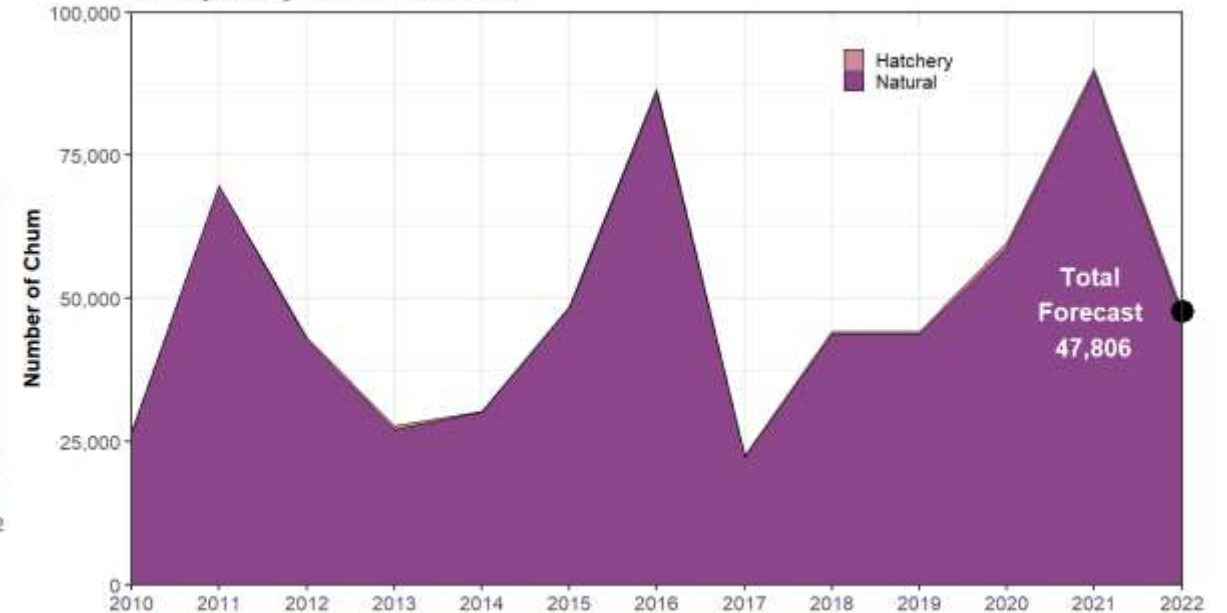
Willapa Bay Chinook Runsize



Willapa Bay Coho Runsize



Willapa Bay Chum Runsize



# 2022 Grays Harbor Forecasts

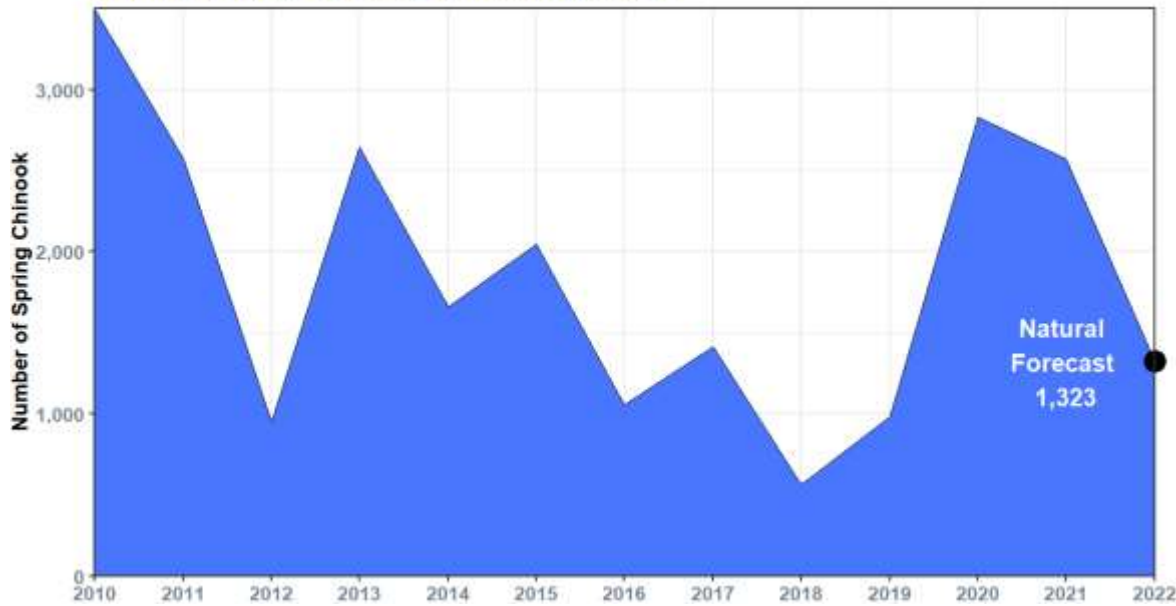
## Chehalis Basin

Species	Natural	Hatchery	Total
Spring Chinook	1,323	0	1,323
Fall Chinook	12,810	2,147	14,957
Coho (incl. South Bay)	107,442	43,552	150,994

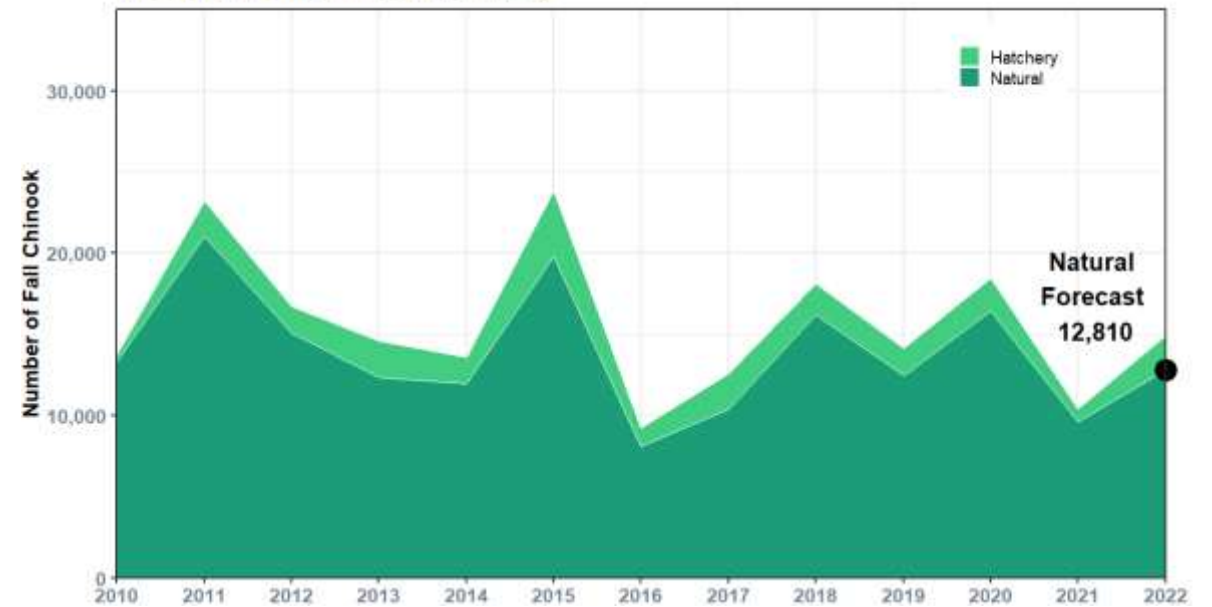


# Recent Grays Harbor Trends: Chehalis

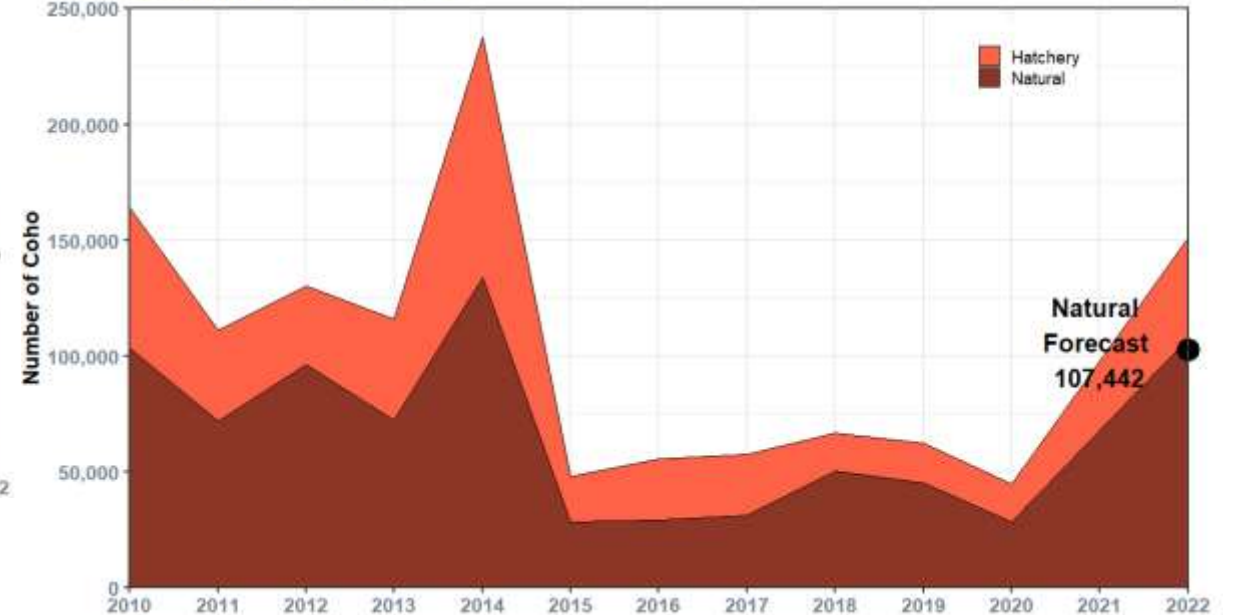
Natural Chehalis Spring Chinook Runsize



Chehalis Fall Chinook Runsize



Chehalis Coho Runsize



# 2022 Grays Harbor Forecasts

## Humptulips Basin

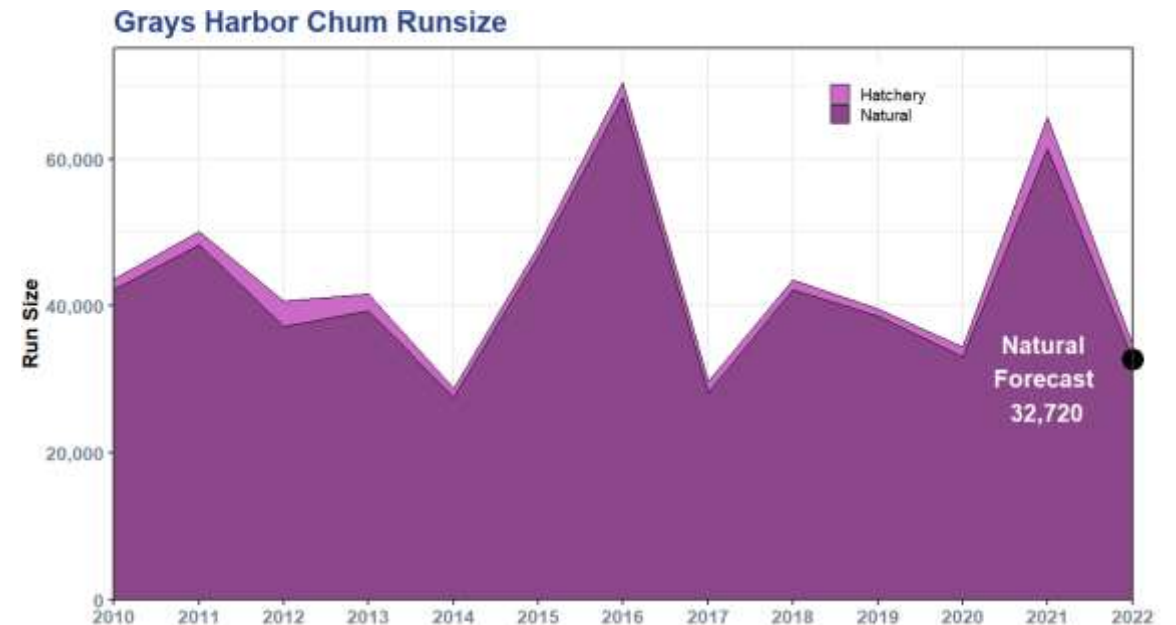
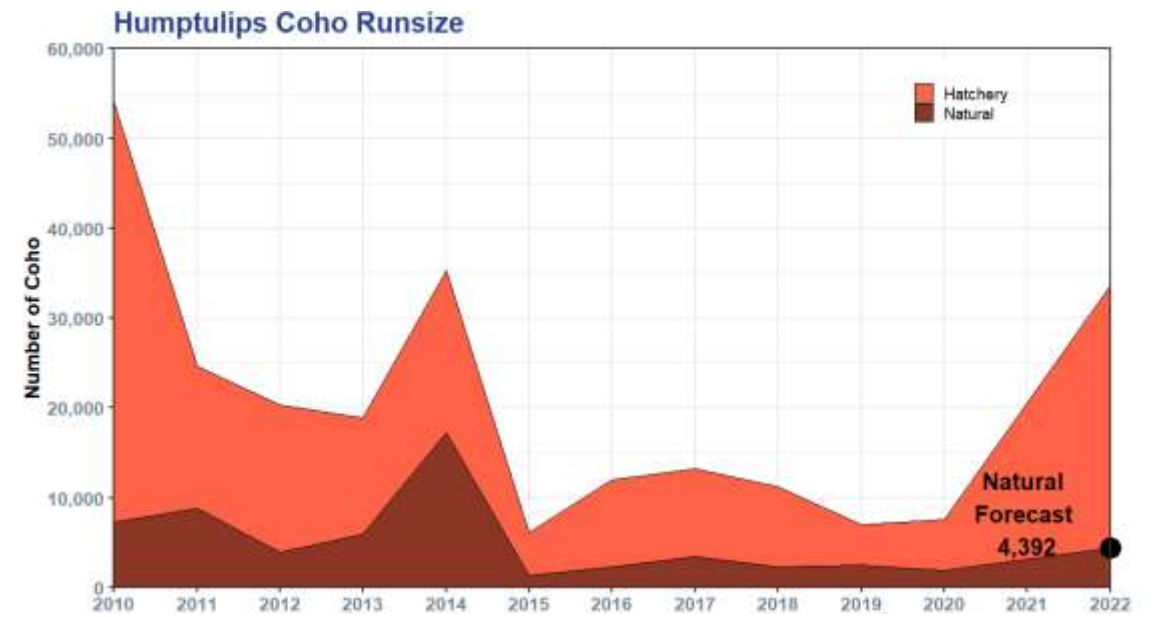
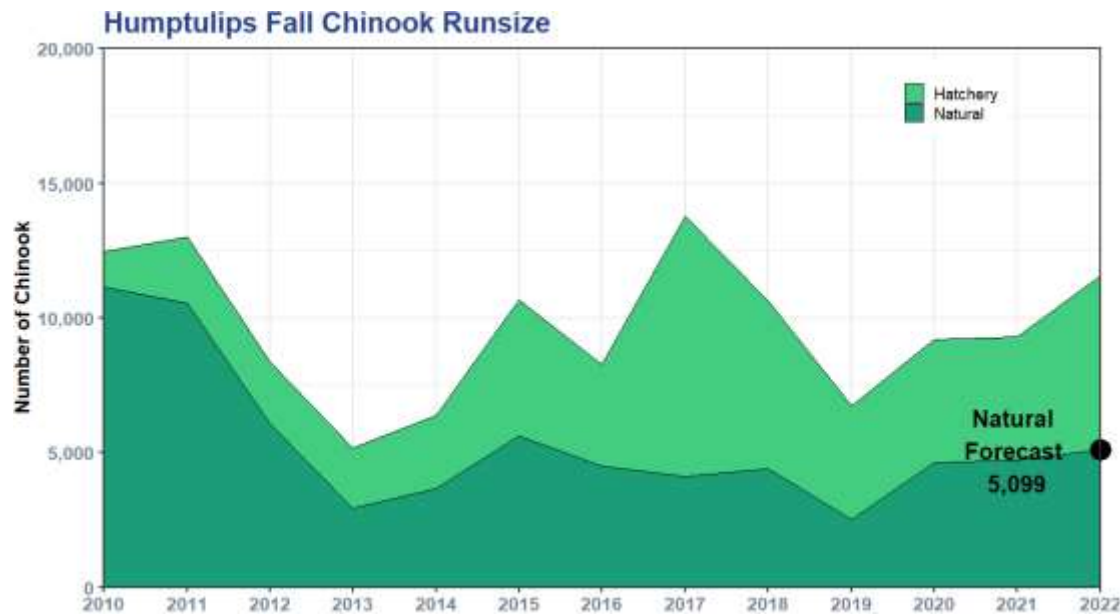
Species	Natural	Hatchery	Total
Fall Chinook	5,099	6,484	11,583
Coho	4,392	29,310	33,702

## Grays Harbor

Chum	32,720	1,879	34,599
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# Recent Grays Harbor Trends: Humptulips

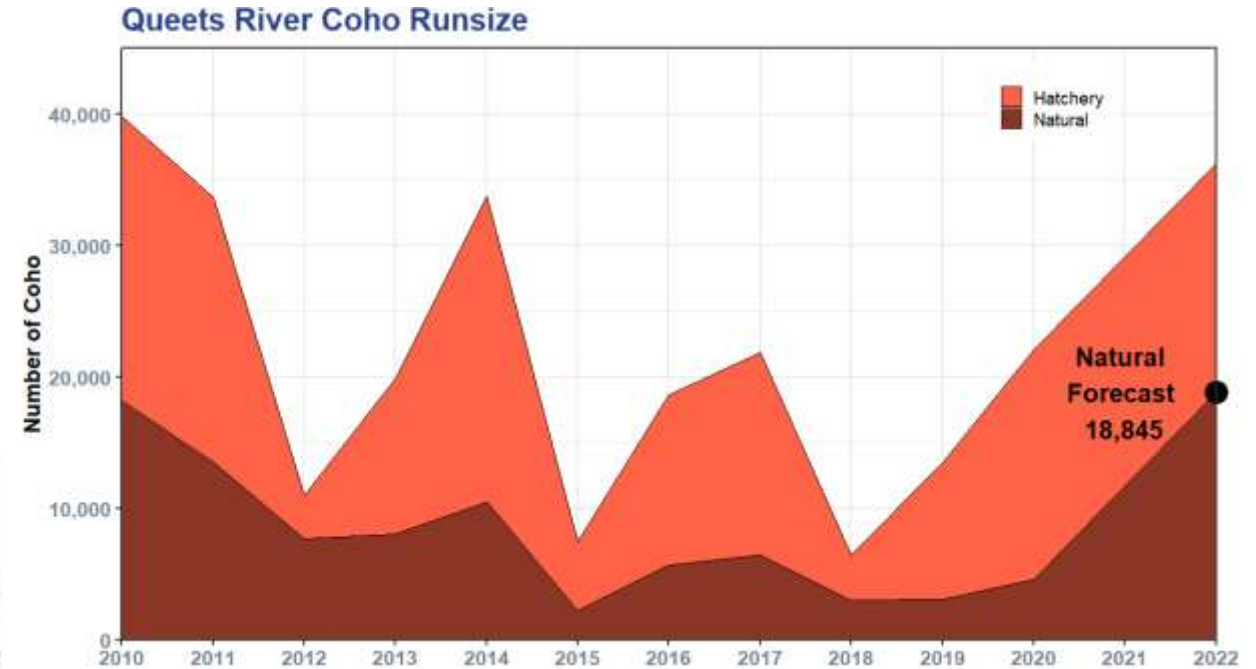
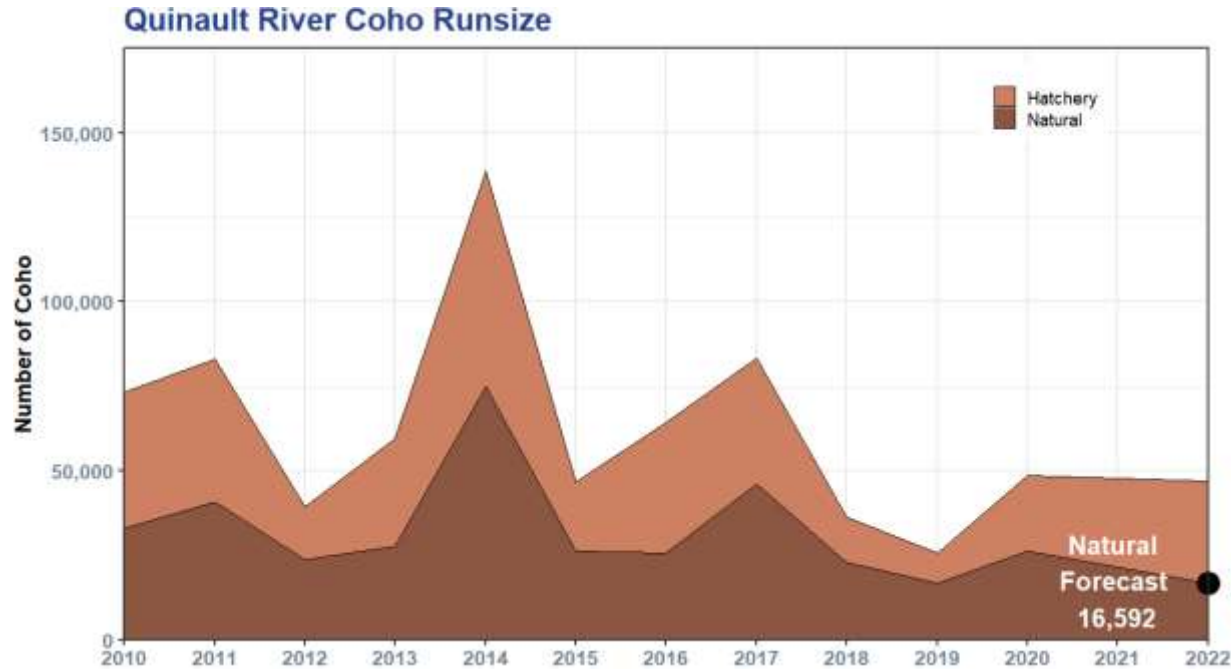


# 2022 North Coast Coho Forecasts

Species	Natural	Hatchery	Total
Quinault River	16,592	30,369	46,961
Queets River	18,845	22,214	41,059



# Recent Quinault River and Queets River Coho Trends



# 2022 Management Objectives

## Willapa Bay

- Chinook- 20% impact rate cap\*
  - Willapa River
  - Naselle River
- Chum – Escapement goal (35,400)
- Coho – Escapement goal (13,600 WDFW; 17,200 PFMC)

## Grays Harbor

- No Chehalis spring Chinook fishery
- Humptulips Coho – 5% impact rate cap
- Chehalis Coho – missed goal 3 of the last 5 years
  - 5% impact rate cap
- All other stocks managed for escapement goals

*\* Fish & Wildlife Commission interim guidance for 2022*



# Questions?

Link to submit NOF related Public Comments electronically:  
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/north-falcon>

Email addresses to submit harbor specific fishery  
suggestions or comments:  
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